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Rep. Dolly Powers Represents Gov. Rell at Education Forum



State Rep. Dolly Powers, Deputy Minority Leader, represented Gov. M. Jodi Rell and the state of Connecticut during an important discussion on the future of public school education at a national forum conducted by the Education Commission of the States.

Rep. Powers, whom Gov. Rell named as her commissioner, said, “Like a think tank organization, the commission attempts to explore and research education issues that still may be five to 10 years away.”

Meeting in Minneapolis July 11-14, Rep. Powers said the commission forum covered topics such as “What will America look like in 2015?” and “Education technology: yesterday, today and tomorrow.”

Other issues addressed included improving math and science education, a new model for charter schools, compensating teachers, emerging issues on high schools and a discussion on the federal No Child Left Behind law.

“As the only commissioner from Connecticut attending,” Rep. Powers said, “it was important to represent Gov. Rell and her strong focus on education at this nationwide forum.”

The Education Commission of the States is a nonprofit, nationwide interstate compact established in 1965 to improve education by facilitating the exchange of information, ideas, experiences and innovations among state policymakers and education leaders. Forty nine states, three territories and the District of Columbia constitute the commission’s current memberships. Seven commissioners represent each state and territory on the commission.